

MOOSE ATTACKS ON HUGHES ARE BEGUN

Not Fitted for Presidency at This Time, Says W. H. Childs in Statement.

THREAT TO REPUBLICANS

That the leaders of the Progressive party have begun a movement to eliminate Justice Hughes as a Presidential possibility is the belief of political observers who have been trying to study the meaning of the statement issued last Wednesday night. The statement followed a meeting of the Progressive conference from Col. Roosevelt and William Hamilton Childs. From now on it is expected that there will be a great deal of literature from the Progressive camp on the subject of the Hughes candidacy.

Organization Republicans believe that the Progressives have seen the opportunity that lies in the fact that behind the sentiment for Justice Hughes there is a reservation of considerable importance. The Progressives have realized that even the outspoken Hughes men are handicapped in having to admit that their favorite is an ideal rather than a personality, that the enthusiasm for him is founded on belief rather than on knowledge. These Progressives therefore have been learning that within the Republican delegations, from New York State, at least, and presumably the same thing holds true of other delegations, there are a number of men who will refuse absolutely to vote for Justice Hughes as the candidate before they know definitely and fully where he stands on the issues of the day. Not wanting Justice Hughes any more than the strong organization men do, the Progressives appear to be taking advantage of this uncertainty caused by Justice Hughes's silence.

To Put Accents on "If"

Hughes men here say the refusal of Justice Hughes to make any political statement is a blow to his strength. It gives the opposition no chance to put him down before the convention starts. It helps to spread the impression that the sentiment in favor of his nomination is a mere "if" of the day. It is making no effort to get him to declare himself. If their theory is correct, then the object of the Progressives is to make it so that Hughes will not be with any heartiness, and that the well laid plans of these Hughes men and drive the Justice into his hole.

That, at least, was the opinion expressed at Root headquarters yesterday by men who discussed the Colonel's statement and that of Mr. Childs. It is said there is a possibility with Justice Hughes as a possibility with an "if" of the day. The Progressives will now proceed to put the accent on the "if." Should Justice Hughes be elected, the mental picture of the Progressives is that of a man who is not with any heartiness, and that the well laid plans of these Hughes men and drive the Justice into his hole.

Indeed, Mr. Childs, in a statement issued yesterday, proceeded to show that the refusal of Justice Hughes to make any political statement is a blow to his strength. It gives the opposition no chance to put him down before the convention starts. It helps to spread the impression that the sentiment in favor of his nomination is a mere "if" of the day. It is making no effort to get him to declare himself. If their theory is correct, then the object of the Progressives is to make it so that Hughes will not be with any heartiness, and that the well laid plans of these Hughes men and drive the Justice into his hole.

Sees No Chance for Root.

Of the 6,000,000 votes cast for Mr. Wilson in 1912, all of the Republicans claimed that they would vote for Root in 1916. A very large number of Democrats who voted for Wilson in 1912 will vote for Theodore Roosevelt, and for no other Republican. The delegates to the Progressive convention will not endorse any Republican who they believe cannot do the job and who they are not convinced can win. Justice Hughes and Mr. Root are the only men who come within a reasonable distance of being in the same class with Theodore Roosevelt for this year. Mr. Root could not be elected. Mr. Hughes is regarded by the people of this country with the greatest respect and admiration. Neither by experience nor training is he the man for President at this juncture.

ROOT CHIEF GOING WEST.

Strength on First Ballot Estimated at 150 to 160.

Mr. W. D. Wright, who is in charge of the headquarters here, left yesterday afternoon for a trip through the States immediately west of the Mississippi. Wright reports that his presence here has been a great help to the Progressive cause. He expects to return to his headquarters at Chicago to the Congress on May 25.

Financiers' Banquet in Lima.

Lima, Peru, May 12.—The members of the American Financial Commission were entertained last night at a banquet at the National Club given by the president of the Exchange and the Chamber of Commerce.

ONLY COLONEL IS FIT FOR PRESIDENT, WRITES EDISON

Inventor Expresses His Views in Letter to the Roosevelt Non-partisan League, Which Brings Warm Thanks From Oyster Bay.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., May 12.—Thomas A. Edison has come out for Col. Roosevelt for President. He has expressed his opinion of the Colonel's fitness in vigorous terms, and in the letter in which he makes his views known, which he has sent to the Roosevelt Non-partisan League, he declares that Col. Roosevelt is the only man to be considered at this time.

Mr. Edison's conviction is significant in the light of his connection with the Wilson Administration as chairman of the Naval Consulting Board formed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels and his close friendship for Henry Ford, advocate of pacifism. The letter follows:

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., May 10, 1916.

My dear Mr. Roosevelt: I am so profoundly touched by your letter concerning me that I am going to ask the Roosevelt Non-partisan League to give it to me. I wish to hand it over to my children.

There is literally no one whom I would be so anxious to have say what you have said of me.

With hearty thanks, faithfully yours, THOMAS A. EDISON.

While Mr. Roosevelt is in New York to-morrow marching with her daughter and daughter-in-law in the parade, he will be in the city with his share of the parade. He will be in the city with his share of the parade. He will be in the city with his share of the parade.

BAKER SAYS PEACE WILL PREVAIL HERE

Brings Message Direct From White House to Bankers of New Jersey.

BUT COUNTRY PREPARES ONLY 84 VOTES FOR FORD

ATLANTIC CITY, May 12.—Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, speaking to-night before the thirteenth annual convention of the New Jersey Bankers Association, brought a message from the White House that nothing other than a peaceful solution of the present international troubles will ultimately prevail. He said:

"There is abroad in the land an emotion that is sending young men to training retreats, stirring educators to the conviction that it may be wise that young men should include some knowledge of military work in their preparation for life, and sending corps of women to camp to equip themselves to perform those gentle ministrations which it is woman's part to render."

"I think there is cause for profound satisfaction that with all the difference of opinion among those who stood for peace at any price, for peace under various conditions and in some instances for a more aggressive course than conditions have seemed to make necessary, never has a voice been raised for war for war's sake. Never has there appeared a voice that has called for the philosophy that war is a good or necessary thing."

"Congress is busy now with the reorganization of the military force of the United States. I hope before long it will be busy arranging for the coordination of the industrial and other resources of the country. When that time comes, we shall have not only the mobilization of arms, but by preconcerted arrangements we shall have the mobilization of our industries and finances, so that there will be a threefold consolidation with the nation fully prepared and equipped."

"I want to say to you that there have come to me from sources, which must remain undisclosed, assurances of patriotic support and tendered services from men whose country is as old as the country, as well as from men whose lips are wet from kissing the Bible in the oath of allegiance. They do not want to see this country in a position where they want to be counted in on the solution of it."

Other speakers were Gov. Fielder, Secretary of the National Bank of New York, Walter P. Gardner, judge of the New Jersey court of errors and appeals, United States Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma and Pierre Jay of New York.

BAKER MAY BE "KEYNOTE."

Wilson Answers Cox's Request—Expected to Give Consent.

DAYTON, Ohio, May 12.—Ex-Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio received a telegram this morning from President Woodrow Wilson advising him that a letter was on its way to Dayton in answer to a request made by Mr. Cox that Secretary of War Newton D. Baker be allowed to act as temporary chairman of the Democratic State convention to be held here June 21. The letter has been received as yet, although it is probable the President has given his consent.

TO HAVE A FLOATING HOTEL.

Steamer Alabama to House Convention Visitors.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The first floating hostelry to accommodate a part of the overflow of visitors during convention week was commissioned to-day by Fred W. Upham, chairman of the local committee of arrangements of the Republican National Committee, to the steamer Alabama of the Goodrich Transit Company Line.

AFTER YOUNG DEMOCRATS.

McCombs Will Urge League in Every State.

At a meeting last night of the executive committee of the Young Men's Democratic League, President Frank D. Shelley announced that William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, had determined to recommend to his successor after the St. Louis convention next month that organization similar to the Young Men's Democratic League be formed in every State for the Presidential campaign.

HEALER SCHLATTER IN HANDS OF POLICE

Woman Detective Accuses "Messiah" of Practising Medicine.

TAKES "GIFTS," NOT FEES

Francis Schlatter, who began as a "Divine Healer" in Denver, Col., in 1895 and later appeared in California, New Mexico and other States as "The New Messiah," was arrested yesterday afternoon in his office on the ground floor of a tenement house at 339 West Thirty-fourth street on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. The "Divine Healer," or "The Rev. Francis Schlatter, D. D., president of the Baptist Church, Inc.," as he now calls himself, ran counter to section 174 of the Penal Law because he didn't know that the woman with the pain in her knee whom he treated was Miss Adele P. Press, a patient of the village health officer.

"Healer" Now 78 Years Old.

Schlatter is 78 years old. He has long gray hair and white whiskers and wears purple robes. When he was arrested last night before Magistrate Nolan in the men's night court he explained that he considered himself "a free man, with the power of God." He said that he had been arrested many times for administering the laying on of hands treatment, but that he always paid a fine and was set free. He said he was ready to be tried on the spot, but later changed his mind, and the Magistrate postponed his trial until Monday.

Schlatter has been reported as "dead" on many occasions. Nevertheless, he turned up in this city again, with his secretary, the Rev. Gus Algard, and advertised that he was prepared to heal all kinds of bodily troubles.

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Schlatter didn't demand any fee for his services, Miss Press said, but he did say that if she felt like contributing something she should do so. He said he was a "free man, with the power of God." He said that he had been arrested many times for administering the laying on of hands treatment, but that he always paid a fine and was set free. He said he was ready to be tried on the spot, but later changed his mind, and the Magistrate postponed his trial until Monday.

OFFICERS HERE FROM CANAL.

Army Transport Kilpatrick Also Brings Fifteen Prisoners.

The United States army transport Kilpatrick, which arrived last night from Cuba, brought with it fifteen prisoners. The prisoners were taken from the Canal Zone, and were being sent to the United States. The prisoners were taken from the Canal Zone, and were being sent to the United States.

SEEKING TO HEAD OFF LYNCH.

Ten National Committeemen Oppose Him as McCombs's Successor.

Word came from Washington yesterday that there is under way a movement to head off the election of Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota as successor to William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who has announced his intention to retire after the St. Louis convention. It is said that at least ten members of the national committee from Western States have called on President Wilson recently and asked him to support Lynch as chairman and that his selection is likely to lead to friction during the campaign.

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20,000 WESTERN UNION MEN MAY WALK OUT

Strike Threatened Throughout Country Because 21 Telegraphers Were Discharged

REVIEW OF THE DETAILS

CHICAGO, May 12.—A strike of 20,000 Western Union Telegraph Company operators throughout the United States is a possibility as a result of the discharge by the company of twenty-one telegraphers.

That was the information given to-night by S. J. Koenekamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers Union of America. The discharge of the men is said by union officials to have been for the reason that they were supposed to be members of a telegraphers' union. Eleven operators were discharged in Washington, according to reports.

ORANGE CLEANED BY POLITICS.

Two Sets of Sweepers Come With Postmaster Nomination.

ORANGE, N. J., May 12.—This city was interested and perhaps a little amused to hear to-day that President Wilson had nominated as his postmaster James D. Moriarty, chairman of the Orange branch of the Democratic Party. Until last Tuesday Moriarty held the contract for sweeping the city streets. For two years Moriarty held the contract, and he was now being nominated as postmaster.

POLAND A WATERY JUNGLE.

Wooden Barriers Replace Trenches in Region Near Lippa.

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Here through this watery jungle roads are laid out as with a ruler, across old battlefields where whole brigades stopped dead in the swamps, but where now continual transport waves to and fro with the regularity of a well managed railway.

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WILSON ON YACHTING TRIP.

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M'ADOO 'NOT GUILTY' IN PERU INCIDENT

State Department Issues Statement to Show That He Was Not Discourteous.

REVIEW OF THE DETAILS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Another defense of Secretary McAdoo's action in not accepting the hospitality of the Peruvian Government last month was made public to-day by the Administration. The interview in The Sun with Raymond Guyer, mining engineer of Lima, Peru, in which he accused Mr. McAdoo of unpardonable discourtesy to the Peruvians, revived the incident to-day and the State Department made public the following explanation:

"Upon arrival of the United States cruiser Tennessee at Callao April 22 the Peruvian health officer stated officially that there had recently been six cases of bubonic plague in Lima and Callao. This information was confirmed by the American Consul, the representative of the United States Public Health Service and a Peruvian physician."

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SIX BATTLESHIPS PLACED IN RESERVE

They Will Be Kept Ready for Emergency—Atlantic Fleet Being Reorganized.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A reorganization of the Atlantic battleship fleet has been begun by putting six battleships of the older type in reserve (to provide replacements for the new superdreadnoughts Nevada, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. The battleships will be delivered at Newport News on June 1 and will be fitted out at Norfolk, 94 as to be ready for service on June 25. The reorganized fleet will be composed of sixteen fighting ships, with an increase of six destroyers and three submarines.

NEW YORK CITY BILLS SIGNED BY WHITMAN

They Will Be Kept Ready for Emergency—Atlantic Fleet Being Reorganized.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The Brown bill changing the New York city Department of Bridges to one of Plant and Structures was signed by Gov. Whitman to-day. Bridge Commissioner F. J. H. Kracke will have charge of the new department.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to transfer to the new department the powers and duties of the departments of Police, Street Cleaning, Parks, Charities, Correction, Fire, Health and Bellevue Hospitals, relative to the construction, maintenance and repair of buildings and structures.

GETS \$10,000 FOR LOST WIFE.

Supreme Court Jury in Brooklyn returned a verdict yesterday giving Hamilton Stewart of \$6 Vermont street \$10,000 in his suit against Frederick W. Rouke, a wealthy New York stock market factor, for the alienation of the affections of his wife, Mrs. Margaret A. Stewart. The suit was undecided.

It was brought out at the trial that Rouke and Mrs. Stewart posed as man and wife and made frequent visits to Chinatown and fashionable resorts in Manhattan. The Stewarts have three children.

WASHINGTON 3-DAY TOUR

3-DAY TOUR Thursday, May 18

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